TO THE GENTLEMEN, CLERGY, AND FREEHOLDERS, OF THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

GENTLEMEN,

MOST gratefully ſenſible of thoſe generous and patriotic Principles, which have induced you to elect me your Repreſentative in Parliament, I intreat you to accept of my beſt Endeavours to expreſs the Joy, which inſpires me on ſo intereſting, ſo affecting an Occaſion. The perſonal Regard you have ſhewn me, indeed, confers on me an Obligation, the due Senſe of which I too cordially feel to find Words to deſcribe. I cannot however forbear congratulating you, as the moſt diſtinguiſhed of *Engliſhmen*, on the honourable Proof you have given, that the genuine Spirit of Independency, the true Love of our Country, for which the County of *Middleſex* has for Ages been ſo eminently conſpicuous, ſtill glows in your Breaſts with unremitting Ardor, ſtill ſhines forth with undiminiſhed Luſtre. Let the Sons of Venality bow the Knee to the Idol of ſordid Intereſt. Let them call their Puſillanimity Prudence, while they ignominiouſly kiſs the Rod of Power, and tamely ſtoop to the Yoke, which artful Miniſters inſidiouſly prepare, and arbitrarily impoſe. You, Gentlemen, have ſhewn that you are neither to be deceived nor enſlaved. In proving yourſelves Enemies to miniſterial Perſecution, the Eyes of the whole Kingdom, of the whole World, are upon you, as the firſt and firmeſt Defenders of public Liberty. Happy ſhall I think myſelf, if, fired by your Example, the Efforts of my warmeſt Zeal may be deemed an adequate Return for the Favours you have beſtowed on me; but however inefficient my Abilities, my Will to ſerve you is unbounded, as it is unalterable. Engaged as I have long been in the glorious Cauſe of Freedom, *I beg you to conſider my paſt Conduct as an earneſt of the future, and to look on me as a Man, whoſe primary Views will ever regard the Rights and Privileges of his Fellow Countrymen in general, and whoſe ſecondary Views ſhall be attentively fixed on the Dignity, Advantage, and Proſperity of the County of Middleſex.* Let me therefore deſire of you, Gentlemen, to favour me from Time to Time with ſuch Inſtructions as may beſt enable me to accompliſh thoſe Ends; reſting aſſured of always finding me devoted to your Service, and that the happieſt Moments of my Life will be thoſe in which I am employed in maintaining the Civil and religious Rights of *Engliſhmen*, and in promoting the Intereſts of my Conſtituents.

I am, with the trueſt reſpect,
Gentlemen,
Your obliged, and faithful humble Servant,
JOHN WILKES.

Tueſday,
March 29, 1768.

STATE OF THE POLL AT BRENTFORD.

John Wilkes, Eſq; 1292. George Cooke, Eſq; 827. Sir William Beauchamp Proctor, 807.

Vox Populi, Vox Dei.